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FOL REPEAT OF NICOSIA 486 TO SECSTATE FEB 4

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NICOSIA SECURITY

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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF SITUATION HERE REQUIRES MSG TO REMAIN IN STATE OF ALERT FOR PROLONGED PERIOD, WE WILL HAVE TO ASK FOR INCREASE OF THREE WATCHSTANDERS OVER PRESENT TOTAL MSG COMPLEMENT OF EIGHT. MARINES NOW STANDING 14-HOUR WATCHES AND WORKING 72 HOURS PER WEEK.

2. IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EVACUATION OF OFFICIAL USG PRESENCE, WE HAVE DRAWN UP SIX OPTIONS FOR MOVEMENT FROM RAF STATION AT NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH IS PART OF A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AREA COMPRISING UN
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HEADQUARTERS, TROOP AND POLICE UNITS OF EIGHT NATIONS,

ETC., UNDER TIGHT UN CONTROL (5 SQUARE MILES) AND TO WHICH ACCESS IS GRANTED ONLY WITH UN PERMISSION. IT IS TO THIS AREA THAT ALL US PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS WOULD BE BROUGHT AS RESULT OF LOCAL EMERGENCY. OPTIONS FOR MOVEMENT FROM RAF STATION ARE:

A. BY RAF/UNFICYP HELICOPTER TO AKROTIRI SBA FOR EVACUATION BY USAF FIXED WING OR USN HELICOPTERS TO OFF-ISLAND SAFEHAVEN.

B. BY RAF/UNFICYP HELICOPTER TO DHEKELIA SBA FOR EVACUATION TO USN VESSEL BY USN HELICOPTER (AND THENCE TO SAFEHAVEN).

C. BY USN HELICOPTER DIRECTLY TO USN VESSEL.

D. BY USN HELICOPTER TO AKROTIRI SBA AND THENCE VIA USAF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT TO SAFEHAVEN.

E. BY ROAD TO EITHER DHEKELIA OR AKROTIRI SBA UNDER GOC SECURITY ESCORT, AND THENCE VIA USAF OR USN AIR ASSETS TO SAFEHAVEN.

F. BY ROAD TO LARNACA AIRPORT (SCHEDULED TO OPEN FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC FEBRUARY 8) UNDER GOC SECURITY ESCORT, AND THENCE VIA COMMERCIAL AIR TO SAFEHAVEN.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT MAKE NECESSARY CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS WITH BRITISH FCO AND MOD FOR PICKUP OF USG PERSONNEL AT AKROTIRI OR DHEKILIA SBA'S BY HELICOPTER OR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, AS CASMAY BE, IN EVENT OF EVACUATION.

4. RAF STATION NICOSIA IS PRIME LIFT-OFF POINT FOR HELICOPTERS IN NICOSIA AREA, IS SECURE AND HAS FULL COMMUNICATIONS. DOES DEPARTMENT CONSIDER IT FEASIBLE TO HAVE USN HELICOPTER MAKE PICKUP FROM RAF STATION NICOSIA?

5. EMBASSY IS INFORMALLY SOUNDING OUT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND RAF HERE REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF USING THEIR ASSETS
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FOR TRANSPORT RAF STATION TO SBA'S. HOWEVER, WE WILL MAKE NO FORMAL REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF ABOVE OPTIONS IN BRITISH CONTINGENCY PLANNING UNTIL DEPARTMENT SO INSTRUCTS.

6. TOTAL NUMBER OF USG EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS AT POST AS OF FEBRUARY 4 IS FORTY-SEVEN (47).

7. POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AFFECTING LIKELIHOOD OF DEMONSTRA-

TION ON FRIDAY OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. AS STATED IN CRAWFORD-
EAGLETON TELCON, WE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS INDICATORS OF
SERIOUS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST EMBASSY BEING PLANNED FOR FRIDAY,
FEB 7. STIMULI WERE (A) EXPECTATION THAT US ADMINISTRATION
MIGHT SUCCEED IN PERSUADING CONGRESS DEFER TURKISH AID CUTOFF;
(B) TO LESSER DEGREE MAKARIOS' STATEMENTS ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS
IN TALKS AND HIS IMPLICATIONS RE CYNICISM OF US POLICY; (C)
COMPLETE LACK OF PROGRESS ON GREEK REFUGEE RETURN; (D) HARRASSMENT
OF GREEKS REMAINING IN NORTH. WE JUDGE SOME OF THE HEAT HAS
BEEN TAKEN OUT OF SITUATION BY FACT THAT AID IS BEING CUT OFF,
BUT GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PLANNED
STATEMENT FEBRUARY 5, DEPENDING ON ITS LANGUAGE, COULD
AGAIN STIR EMOTIONS AS COULD SOME SHOW OF MAINLAND MILITARY MUSCLE
IN DEFIANCE REACTION TO AID CUTOFF. (DATT IS SEPARATELY REPORT-
ING JUST SUCH A TURKISH MOVE LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 4 IN ACHNA
AREA.) IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MAKARIOS AND GREEK EMBASSY,
WE HAVE FOREWARNED ON POSSIBILITY OF NEW DEMONSTRATIONS AND
THEREBY SOUGHT TO ENLIST MAXIMUM COOPERATION IN DEFLECTION OF
VIOLENCE.
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